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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Government do not come into the picture. It is the publisher who fixes the price. Because there are many competitors in the field, it is hoped that a reasonable price would be fixed. Otherwise people may not go in for these books.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether there was a conference of Education Ministers to consider the question of publication of text-books for school children? If so, what was the decision taken?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : For primary classes, Yes. The conclusion reached was that State Governments should publish text-books for primary classes.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fear expressed in certain quarters that it might lead to regimentation and doctrinnaire teaching, if the Government were to publish text-books?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have heard about certain attitude like that. It is not with reference to this but with reference to any government activity. As a matter of fact such parties would not like any government at all, particularly when it is not their party Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note : An asterisk * at the Commencement of a speech, idicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUN EMENTS.

(1) INFORMATION RE. QUESTIONS

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The other day the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam and the hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswami wanted some information regarding questions. For the tenth session, we received 5,179 questions. We have admitted 2797 as starred questions and 691 as unstarred questions. The number of questions answered is, starred 2,337 and unstarred 580. The number of questions disallowed is 768 and the number of questions withdrawn is 797. The number of questions referred back to members and replies not received is 118. Four hundred and twenty-nine questions are pending with Government. This is the information.

If any hon. Members want any more particulars, I request them to come to my Chamber and get the particulars and not put any question to the Chair now.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Even with regard to questions admitted, I find that for many questions answers have not been received because of absence of the concerned Ministers. I think some arrangement might be made by which if a Minister's absence from the House is unavoidable, another Minister who is present in the House might be permitted to answer the question. We have got only four days more.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have no objection to it if the Hon. Leader of the House agrees.

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SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : இன்றைய தினம் ஒத்தி வைக்கப்பட்ட கேள்வி எண் 2237 இந்த ஸெஷனிலேயே வருமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the Hon. Leader of the House agrees I have no objection to include it in the list of questions for one of these days.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Hon. Minister for local Administration is likely to be here tomorrow or the day after.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஏறத்தாழ ஒரு திங்கள் முன்பு சில அவசரக் கேள்விகள் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன்; வேறு சில கேள்விகள் அமைச்சருக்கு நேரிடையாகவும் அளித்தேன். அவற்றைப்பற்றி எந்த சேதியும் தெரியவில்லை. அவசரக் கேள்வியாகக் கொடுத்ததன் நோக்கமே, அவை உடனடியாக வர வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக. அது சம்மந்தமாக தங்கள் விளக்கம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :If the hon. Member wants any more information he can come to my Chamber. I cannot answer his questions now from the Chair. The hon. Member should not put questions to the Chair. That is what I have told already.

III. ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* THE OMISSION OF THE ELECTION SYMBOL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA IN A DOCUMENTARY FILM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri V. K. Kothandaraman to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the deliberate discrimination shown by omitting the election symbol of the Communist Party of India in the documentary film on 'How to Vote in the General Elections' and the resultant misapprehensions among the people.

The responsibility of this Government is not involved in this matter. So I do not give my consent to raise the adjournment motion.

(Sri V. K. Kothandaraman rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am not going to allow any further discussion on this matter. I want the hon. Member to resume his seat.

The hon. Member Sri V. K. Kothandaraman resumed his seat

IV. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEAD SLUICE ON THE MARAIKA—KORAIYAR.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : I want to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz. the failure of the Public Works Department authorities to complete in time the construction of the head sluice on